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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Student Arrested for Gun Possession at School**

A 15-year-old male student was arrested yesterday for having a handgun on school property. The Columbia teen is a student at the Homewood Center in Howard County.

A teacher reported to school administrators in the late afternoon that the student was acting suspiciously. An administrator and school resource officer responded and found an unloaded handgun and ammunition in the student's coat pocket.

The teen was charged as a juvenile with possessing a concealed deadly weapon and having that weapon on school property. He also was charged with resisting arrest, disturbing school operations, failing to obey a lawful order and reckless endangerment.

The teen was processed and turned over to the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services.

The Homewood Center is described by the school system as "a county-wide alternative educational program for students in need of intensive academic and behavioral instruction and support."

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